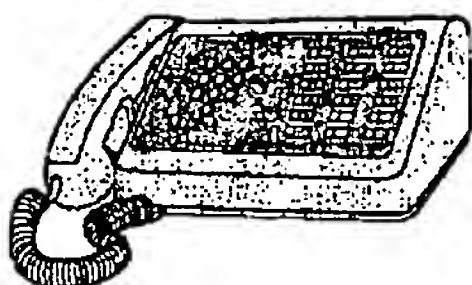


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Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
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Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

**Total Claims** 28 - 20 or HP = 8 **Extra Claims** 8 **Fee (\$)** 400.00 **Fee Paid (\$)** 0

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